

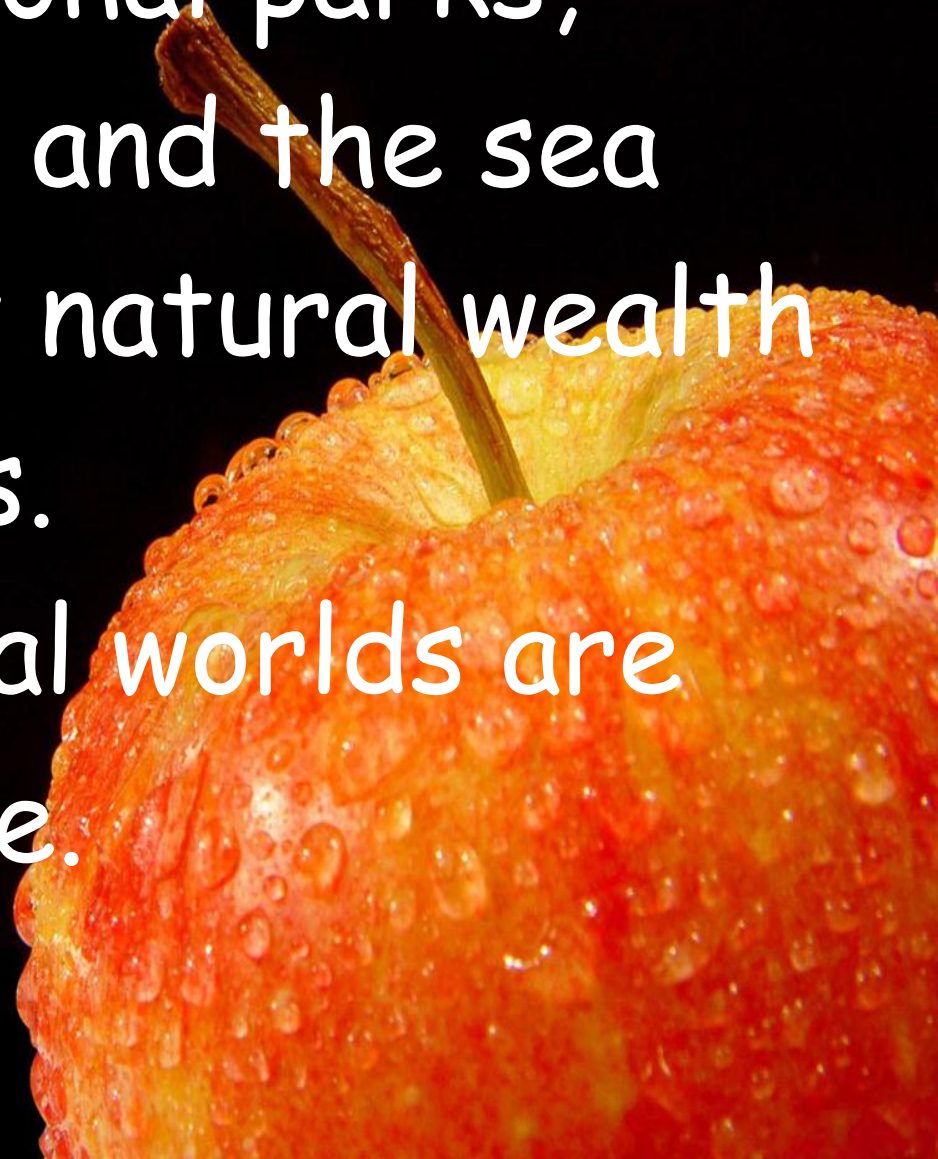
Flora and fauna



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- Numerous national parks, beautiful woods and the sea are not the only natural wealth that Croatia has.
- Plant and animal worlds are also very diverse.



Flora

- There are over four thousand plant species
- According to a European research, Croatia takes the third place in floral natural wealth
- Croatia boasts many endemic species such as Velebic degenia and Biokovo bell





- For example, Lavander fields are prevalent throughout the whole coast and lavender is well known for its nice, calming scent.

- Almost every region has a typical plant species that distinguishes it from other regions in the country.





- Our most popular endemic plant is Velebic degenia.

• This yellow-flowered plant is endemic to the Velebit and the Kapela mountain ranges, and has become the symbol of the region.





- Biokovo bell is recognisable for its purple flowers.
- It is about 15 centimetres high.





- Olive tree is native to the coastal areas of the eastern Mediterranean Basin.
- Its fruit, also called the olive, is of major agricultural importance in the Mediterranean region as the source of olive oil.



Fauna

- The animal world of Croatia is as rich as the plant world.
- It doesn't count that many endemic species but there are a lot of animals typical for certain regions.





- A colony of Griffon Vultures can be found near the town of Beli on the island of Cres.
- They breed there, at lower heights, with some nests just ten metres above sea level.
- It is recognisable for its white coloured head and big, brown wings.



- Mediterranean Monk Seal is a rare seal which sometimes appears in our sea
- It also used to live on the Atlantic Ocean and the Black Sea coasts but not anymore
- It is believed to be the world's second rarest pinniped.





- There is a small village called Čigoč.
- It's the only European stork village.
- White storks make nests on people's houses.





- Black bear, also known as the grizzly, lives in Croatian woods. The word "grizzly" in its name refers to "grizzled", grey hairs in its fur.



- Dalmatian donkey is an animal used to carry heavy loads all over Dalmatia.



- Its fur can be grey or brown, sometimes even reddish.

